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15. SUMMARY: (C) According to the Greek and Iranian military attaches in MOSCOW, Soviet military authorities recently issued informal orders to military reservists to be on alert and ready to report for duty within nine hours when called. This report is classified "NO FORN DISSEM" to protect the identities of the Primary Sources.

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1. (C) An official of a friendly government stationed in MOSCOW acquired the information from the Greek and Iranian military attaches in MOSCOW on 19 May 1967 and submitted the information to the home government. Information was not available on how the Greek and Iranian military attaches obtained the information.

SOVIET MILITARY RESERVISTS ALERTED:

2. (C) The Greek and Iranian military attaches divulged confidentially that, "Soviet military authorities had recently issued informal orders to military

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reservists to be on alert and report for duty within nine hours in the event of a call-up for service."

COMMENTS OF EAL1000278:

2. (C) The alert orders were believed to have been issued because of the current crisis situation in the Middle East and not because military action in the demilitarized zone between North and South Vietnam had become intensified.

3. (C) The possibility that Soviet military authorities are pushing mobilization preparations cannot be entirely denied in view of the historical sensitivity of the USSR to events in the Middle East. This sensitivity was displayed in July 1958 when the British and Americans dispatched troops to the Middle East. At that time, TASS published a Soviet Defense Ministry communique on 17 July that military maneuvers were being conducted in the ZAKAVKAZ'YE (Transcaucasia) and the Turkestan military regions; also a Bulgarian Ministry of Defense communique was published on 18 July that Bulgarian military forces were conducting maneuvers.

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